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Update on an Elementary School in the Smiling Creek Neighbourhood

School District 43 is committed to developing an elementary school in the Smiling Creek neighbourhood on Burke Mountain.

In anticipation of a funding announcement from the Government of BC, a great deal of work has already been done by the district to prepare for the start of construction. Our staff continue to have numerous conversations with the Ministry of Education regarding this matter, as recently as today, and continue to speak with them on a regular basis with a positive outcome expected soon.

In support of our commitment, SD43's Board has already invested significant funds upfront to keep the project moving forward to enable us to build and open the school as soon as possible. The school district continues the planning and preparation process including school site preparation, architecture work and other important tasks. Although we have not yet received funding from the Government of BC, no delays have been caused to date.

In addition, the City of Coquitlam has been very supportive and has passed the Official Community Plan (OCP) and approved zoning for the site. We will continue working with the City to be prepared to apply for a building permit at the start of December pending provincial funding approval.

An elementary school in the Smiling Creek Neighbourhood continues to be the top priority for this Board on our Five Year Capital Plan recently submitted to government.

As more information becomes available additional updates will be provided.

On behalf of the School District 43 Board of Education,

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